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EDITORS: Chairman Cox will be available to the media immediately following the live radio interview, which is also open for coverage. The interview will be at the Echo Moskvyy studio in Moscow and is scheduled to conclude at 4 p.m.

Chairman Cox Talks to Russia on Moscow's Echo Moskvyy Radio *Follows Clinton Interview on Same Program; Chairman Cox will also Join Defense Secretary Cohen for Meetings*

WASHINGTON, DC (Thursday, June 8, 2000)—U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), the Chairman of the House Policy Committee and the Speaker's Advisory Group on Russia, will be interviewed on Moscow's Echo Moskvyy radio by the same host who questioned President Clinton June 4. The interview will take place at 3:30 p.m. Moscow time (7:30 a.m. ET), Tuesday, June 13.

Chairman Cox will also join U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen in meetings in Moscow June 12-13 in preparation for issuing the Advisory Group's Final Report, the California Republican announced today.

"Our visit is a chance to get the U.S.-Russia relationship on track after too many years of focusing on Cold War arms control issues and 'summitry,'" Chairman Cox said. "Friendly democracies have much broader, more cooperative relationships. My goal is to convey to Russian leaders the priorities of the Congressional leadership: trade with the people of Russia across all economic sectors—from natural resources to manufactured goods to financial services to e-commerce—and international cooperation in support of the security of both of our nations. As Russia moves to free enterprise and democracy, we should share common interests and common goals. We must do a better job of focusing on those."

Chairman Cox's schedule will include a dinner with Secretary Cohen and high-level Russian officials, meetings at the Russian Ministry of Defense, and a roundtable with Secretary Cohen and Duma Deputies at the Duma. Chairman Cox's complete itinerary will be announced this weekend.

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